

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 1 and 2 with the following paragraph:

This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/302,549 filed November 21, 2002, which is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/549,143 filed April 13, 2000, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,507,265, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/131,550 filed April 29, 1999.

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 25-28 with the following paragraph:

It would be desirable to provide a fuse that includes arc quenching capabilities during a short-circuit and/or a full voltage overload current interrupt event. It would also be desirable to provide a fuse that reduces arc energy during a short-circuit and/or a full voltage overload current interrupt event.